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- 1. REFTEL (BEING REPEATED SECSTATE) REPORTS SERIOUS FLOODING/PEST SITUATION IN EAST JAVA WHICH MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THIS YEAR'S CROP IN WHAT IS NORMALLY ONE OF INDONESIA'S MAJOR RICE PRODUCING REGIONS. REFTEL ALSO REPORTS (PARA 7) QUERY FROM AN ASSISTANT TO PROVINCE GOVERNOR WHETHER USG CONSIDERING MAKING DONATION FOR FLOOD RELIEF.
- 2. MISSION HAS CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF FLOOD RELIEF DONATION BUT DECIDED AGAINST SUCH MOVE AT THIS TIME BECAUSSE OF BOTH DIFFICULTY JUDGING ACTUAL MAGNITUDE OF DISASTER AND PROBLEMS OF PRECENDENT SET BY SUCH DONATION IN COUNTRY WHERE ONE OR MORE PROVINCES ARE AFFECTED BY SIMILAR NATURAL CALAMITIES VIRTUALLY EVERY YEAR. MISSION HAS NO PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, WITH VOLUNTARY COLLECTION AMONG OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN SURABAYA, PARTICULARLY SINCE OTHER LOCAL CONSULATES REPORTEDLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOING SAME.

3. PRACTICAL IMPACT OF FLOOD/PEST SITUATION IN EAST JAVA AND ELSEWHERE ON LOCAL(AND NATIONAL) FOOD SUPPLY CANNOT YET BE JUDGED, AS NOTED REFTEL, BUT MISSION AND CONSULATE WILL FOLLOW POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON (CURRENTLY HIGH) LEVEL OF NATIONAL FOOD STOCKS AS WELL AS LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION. NEWSOM

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